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SUBJECT: MOBUTU AMNESTY AND KATANGAN EXILES IN ANGOLA

1. LUIS RODRIQUES, CONSIDERED BY CONSUL GENERAL KILLORAN TO BE ONE OF ANGOLA'S BEST REPORTERS, STOPPED BY TO CHAT TODAY (DEC 2) CONVERSATION WAS GENERAL EXCEPT THAT RODRIQUES LEFT ME WITH IMPRESSION THAT HE IS SOMEHOW INTERMEDIARY TO MOBUTU CONCERNING POSSIBLE RETURN OF FAMOUS KATANGAN GENDARMES TO ZAIRE. HE SAID JOSE TSHOMBE, DESCRIBED AS NEPHEW OF MOISE/TSHOMBE IS IN TOUCH WITH KATANGAN GENDARMES FROM LUANDA, TELLING THEM THAT IF THEY ACCEPT MOBUTU'S LATEST AMNESTY OFFER, THEY WILL REGRET IT AND ALLEGEDLY OFFERING TO MOVE THE GROUP TO SOUTH AFRICA. ON OTHER HAND, RODRIQUES SAYS THAT IF TSHOMBE IS PROMISED PAYOFF BY MOBUTU FOR CERTAIN DATANGAN POLITICAL LEADERS, HE, TSHOMBE, WILL CONVINCE THE 1500 MEN INVOLVED THAT THEY SHOULD INDEED RETURN TO ZAIRE BEFORE JAN 1 WHEN AMNESTY OFFER EXPIRES. RODRIGUES ADDS THAT THE 1500 EX-KATANGAN GENDARMES ARE THE BEST BLACK MILITARY FORCE IN AFRICA. HE EXPECTS TO SEE MOBUTU TOMORROW. OH, YES, TSHOMBE IS SAID TO BE IN LUANDA UNDER ASSUMED NAME: SOMETHING LIKE MUMBA.

2. LUANDA MAY WISH TO COMMENT.

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